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**NEW GROUND FORCE UNIT  
MATOLA MILITARY INSTALLATION, MOZAMBIQUE**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A NEW PROBABLE BRIGADE-SIZED UNIT WAS IDENTIFIED 2 NM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF MATOLA AND 11 NM NORTHWEST OF MAPUTO.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: THE FACILITY APPEARED TO BE IN MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONSISTED OF AT LEAST 19 BARRACKS (11 UNDER CONSTRUCTION), ONE LARGE SHED, AT LEAST 18 SUPPORT BUILDINGS (FOUR UNDER CONSTRUCTION), A LARGE VEHICLE PARKING AREA, AND APPROXIMATELY 100 TENTS. THE SITE OF THE FACILITY IS AN OVAL-SHAPED CLEARING WITH DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ALONG THE PERIMETER. EQUIPMENT IN THE ASSOCIATED VEHICLE PARK INCLUDED 11 PROBABLE BMP, 30 ARMORED VEHICLES, SIX TRUCKS, FOUR GSP AMPHIBIOUS HEAVY FERRIES, AND AT LEAST 68 ADDITIONAL VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

(SWN) ANALYST'S COMMENTS: THE BMP HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY SEEN DEPLOYED WITH MOZAMBIQUE'S ARMED FORCES. THE ONLY OTHER OBSERVATION OF BMP IN MOZAMBIQUE [REDACTED] IN THE TRANSHIPMENT AREA AT NEARBY MAPUTO PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED]. THE ONLY PREVIOUS SIGHTING OF BMP IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA HAD BEEN IN ETHIOPIA, WHERE IT IS WITH CUBAN UNITS. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 25-50-27S 032-25-07E.

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